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6. PASSAGE THROUGH ANAMBAS AND NATUNAS ISLANDS: YEOP SAID
GOI CONTINUES TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT UNIMPEDED PASSAGE OF
MALAYSIAN SHIPS THROUGH ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS IN VICINITY OF
ANAMBAS AND NATUNAS ISLANDS WILL BE GUARANTEED. GOM AND GOI
STILL WANT THIS "SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT" TO BE INCLUDED IN
LOS TREATY AS SEPARATE ARTICLE FOLLOWING DEFINITION OF
ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS. THIS WOULD BE GENERAL ARTICLE REAF-
FIRMING TERMS OF GOM-GOI AGREEMENT.

7. OTHER COMMENT: UPON RETURN FROM GENEVA SESSION, ATTORNEY-
GENERAL ABDUL KADIR YUSOF SAID GOM AND GOI CANNOT WAIT FOR
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END OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRANSIT OF MALACCA STRAIT. REFERRING TO DANGERS POSED BY FREE TRANSIT OF OIL TANKERS, KADIR REITERATED NEED FOR "URGENT ACTION" TO STEM POLLUTION AND TO PROTECT MARINE LIFE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE GREAT DANGER OF COUNTRIES TAKING UNILATERAL ACTION IF LOS AGREEMENTS NOT CONCLUDED BY END OF 1976. FAILURE OF GENEVA SESSION TO COME UP WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND FINAL AGREED TEXTS WAS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED IN LOCAL PRESS. GOVT-INFLUENCED "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) SAID ON MAY 10 THAT, WHILE LOS CONFERENCE NOT ENTIRELY WASTING ITS TIME, COUNTRIES SUCH AS MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA CANNOT WAIT TO CLEAN UP STRAIT WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE WORLD'S DIRTIEST MARITIME BACKLANES." PENANG "STAR" MAY 21 CHARACTERIZED LOS AGREEMENTS AS "VERY ELUSIVE" AND HOPED FOR SUBSTANTIAL ACHIEVEMENTS AT NEW YORK SESSION. CHINESE-LANGUAGE "NANYANG SIANG PAU" MAY 13 ALLEGED THAT POSITIONS OF NAVAL POWERS AND INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AT GENEVA CONFERENCE WERE INIMICAL TO LDC'S; EDITORIAL ALSO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF FISHING RIGHTS DISPUTES AND ACKNOWLEDGED "SOME HEADWAY" WAS MADE AT GENEVA IN SETTLING MAJOR ISSUES.

8. EMBASSY COMMENT: APART FROM GENERAL DISCOURAGEMENT VOICED ? YEOP ADLAN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE PUBLIC OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REACTION OF LOS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE "SHOWA MARU" INCIDENT IN JANUARY WHICH TRIGGERED TRIPARTITE IMS CONSULTATIONS ON STRAITS TRAFFIC CONTROL. SINKING OF SMALL FREIGHTER IN MALACCA STRAIT OFF PORT DICKSON IN MARCH AND TANKER ACCIDENT IN SINGAPORE IN LATE APRIL STIMULATED SOME SENTIMENT FOR TIGHTER STRAITS TRANSIT CONTROLS, BUT NOT TO DEGREE GENERATRED BY "SHOWA MARU" INCIDENT. IN ABSENCE OF PROGRESS AT GENEVA, GOVT OFFICIALS FEAR THAT ANOTHER INCIDENT OF "SHOWA MARU" PROPORTIONS WILL GENERATE IRRESISTABLE DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON GOM FOR STRINGENT UNILATERAL CONTROLS ON ALL TYPES OF TRAFFIC, INCLUDING FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

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